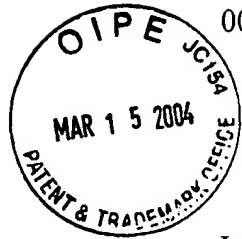


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
NOBORU HAMADA )  
Application No.: 09/588,672 )  
Filed: June 6, 2000 )  
For: NETWORK DEVICE )  
MANAGING APPARATUS )  
AND METHOD )  
Examiner: N. El Hady  
Group Art Unit: 2154  
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2003 for one month from March 3, 2004 to April 3, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

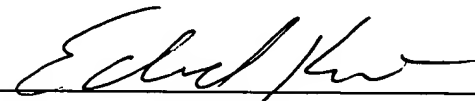
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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,  
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